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Area Wage Survey
Las Vegas-Tonopah, NV
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This summary presents results of an October 1988 survey of occupational wages in the Las Vegas-Tonopah area, which consists of Clark and Nye Counties. This is 1 of over 100 areas which the Bureau of Labor Statistics surveys annually or every other year at the request of the Employment Standards Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor for use in administering the Service Contract Act of 1965. In addition, the Bureau conducts more extensive studies of occupational wages and related benefits in 90 other areas throughout the United States. For information on these reports and other Bureau publications, contact any BLS regional office identified on the back page.

This study covered establishments employing 50 workers or more in manufacturing; transportation, communication, and other public utilities; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and selected services. A sample of 138 establishments employing 89,039 workers was selected to represent 454 establishments employing 158,062 workers in the area. Data collected in the sample of establishments were projected to represent all establishments within the scope of the survey.

Table 1 provides hourly earnings information on office and plant workers employed in selected occupations common to a variety of industries. Occupational classification was based on a uniform set of job descriptions designed to take account of variations in job duties among establishments. The job descriptions used in the survey are available on request. (See table 2 for further information on the scope of the survey.)

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Table 1. Hourly earnings[1] of selected occupations in Las Vegas-Tonopah, NV, October 1988

Occupation[2]	Number of workers	Hourly earnings (in dollars)[1]			Number of workers receiving straight-time hourly earnings (in dollars) of —																						
		Mean	Median	Middle range	3.35 and under 3.50	3.50 – 4.00	4.00 – 4.50	4.50 – 5.00	5.00 – 5.50	5.50 – 6.00	6.00 – 6.50	6.50 – 7.00	7.00 – 7.50	7.50 – 8.00	8.00 – 8.50	8.50 – 9.00	9.00 – 10.00	10.00 – 11.00	11.00 – 12.00	12.00 – 13.00	13.00 – 14.00	14.00 – 15.00	15.00 – 16.00	16.00 – 17.00	17.00 – 18.00	18.00 – 19.00	19.00 and over
Secretaries	1,019	9.93	9.71	8.57–11.06	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	22	23	105	89	109	225	175	140	67	22	22	16	3	-	-	-
Secretaries I	291	8.43	8.15	7.50– 9.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	20	19	85	54	28	57	16	5	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Secretaries II	227	9.37	9.14	8.48–10.22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	19	34	51	56	35	19	7	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Secretaries III	213	10.45	10.11	9.71–11.19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	19	71	63	32	13	8	2	2	-	-	-	-
Secretaries IV	240	11.10	11.06	10.14–11.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	11	40	58	76	36	4	12	-	2	-	-	-
Secretaries V	43	13.83	13.99	12.90–15.28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	8	6	14	1	-	-	-
Typists	47	8.39	8.77	7.20– 9.46	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	7	2	4	5	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typists I	47	8.39	8.77	7.20– 9.46	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	7	2	4	5	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Word processors	58	8.34	8.08	7.55– 9.05	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	2	4	14	8	7	9	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Word processors I	34	7.58	7.77	7.07– 8.37	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	2	4	11	5	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Word processors II	24	9.41	9.22	8.26–10.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	2	8	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators	152	8.47	8.43	7.47– 9.99	-	-	-	-	6	-	15	3	11	19	20	18	18	32	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators I	77	7.52	7.54	6.25– 8.43	-	-	-	-	6	-	15	8	9	10	12	9	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators II	75	9.44	9.77	8.17–10.36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	9	8	9	13	29	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
File clerks	9	5.97	5.73	- – -	-	-	-	3	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receptionists	29	7.86	7.71	6.89– 8.91	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	4	2	7	2	3	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switchboard operators	568	10.01	10.43	9.76–10.60	-	-	-	-	4	5	3	12	19	5	33	16	60	349	60	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer operators	211	10.35	10.29	9.18–11.50	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	5	7	17	14	51	35	41	25	5	1	2	3	-	-	-
Computer operators I	50	9.04	8.65	8.00–10.28	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	4	2	10	6	9	6	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer operators II	128	10.51	10.40	9.41–11.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	7	6	38	19	24	23	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer operators III	33	11.74	11.09	10.31–12.74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	10	8	2	1	1	2	3	-	-	-
Drafters	209	13.21	13.55	10.75–15.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	2	9	18	1	7	15	26	10	16	27	26	14	15	8	10
Drafters I	31	7.80	8.00	7.82– 8.18	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	1	8	14	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drafters II	48	11.82	11.65	10.00–14.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	1	3	7	10	-	8	13	-	-	-	-	-
Drafters III	31	13.12	11.85	11.00–15.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	9	2	2	-	4	4	3	-	-
Drafters IV	48	14.71	14.46	12.78–16.38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	5	5	8	9	4	6	2	2
Drafters V	51	16.44	16.25	15.00–18.31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	1	6	13	6	5	6	8
Electronics technicians	487	13.51	13.26	11.95–15.02	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	8	4	4	13	42	49	90	88	60	52	23	6	35	9
Electronics technicians II	123	11.99	11.55	10.75–14.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	2	8	23	37	10	1	7	22	2	2	-	-
Maintenance carpenters	251	16.02	16.24	15.19–17.09	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	2	-	-	6	9	79	59	68	22	-
Maintenance electricians	297	16.44	17.04	16.80–17.04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	20	31	15	64	143	19	-
Maintenance painters	167	15.68	15.35	15.35–16.70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	1	7	7	88	35	17	7	-
Maintenance machinists	27	15.16	14.31	13.84–18.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	-	-	-	7	-
Maintenance mechanics (machinery)	124	15.18	13.78	13.69–18.26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	28	45	-	-	-	-	46	3
Motor vehicle mechanics	262	14.03	14.21	13.46–14.21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	21	16	20	9	138	24	10	-	17	2
General maintenance workers	202	7.05	6.50	6.00– 7.50	-	-	-	-	14	1	57	47	24	11	17	7	9	9	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stationary engineers	655	17.27	17.36	16.82–17.69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	43	1	195	282	87	46
Truckdrivers	1,179	12.78	13.67	12.67–15.72	-	-	3	54	40	21	9	-	14	-	-	4	28	36	58	264	220	74	324	10	-	-	-
Truckdrivers, light truck	168	6.03	5.00	4.50– 6.25	-	-	3	54	40	21	9	-	14	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	-
Truckdrivers, medium truck	177	14.48	13.67	13.67–15.72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8	1	84	2	80	-	-	-	-
Truckdrivers, heavy truck	711	13.89	13.93	12.67–15.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	35	260	134	44	212	-	-	-	-
Truckdrivers, tractor-trailer	90	14.33	14.62	12.10–15.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	8	3	-	26	30	10	-	-	-
Shipping packers	83	7.15	6.04	5.75– 9.12	-	-	7	7	-	26	3	6	1	3	2	2	16	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guards	3,936	7.74	8.00	4.00–10.34	130	743	366	34	39	21	191	106	171	139	183	287	287	379	229	610	20	2	-	-	-	-	-
Guards I	1,557	4.51	3.75	3.60– 4.15	130	743	39	34	39	21	45	41	18	13	10	1	39	6	37	10	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Guards II	2,379	9.84	9.95	8.29–12.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	146	65	153	125	173	286	248	373	192	600	18	-	-	-	-	-	-
Janitors, porters, and cleaners	1,672	7.61	8.22	6.79– 8.78	76	-	98	30	69	218	215	289	498	153	889	999	147	2	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[1] Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts. Also excluded are performance bonuses and lump-sum payments of the type negotiated in the auto and aerospace industries, as well as profit-sharing payments, attendance bonuses, Christmas or year-end bonuses, and other nonproduction bonuses. Pay increases—but not bonuses—under cost-of-living allowance clauses and incentive payments, however, are included. Hourly earnings reported for salaried workers are derived from regular salaries divided by the corresponding standard hours of work. The wages of learners, apprentices, and handicapped workers are excluded. The mean is computed for each job by totaling the earnings of all workers and dividing by the number of workers. The median designates position—one-half of the workers receive the same as or more than this rate and one-half receive the same as or less than this rate. The middle range is defined by two rates of pay: one-fourth of the workers earn the same as or less than the lower of these rates and one-fourth earn the same as or more than the higher rate. Middle ranges are not provided when fewer than 15 workers are reported.

[2] For occupations with more than one level, data are included in the overall classification when a subclassification is not shown or information to subclassify is not available.

Workers were distributed as follows: 4 at $19.00 to $20.00; 2 at $20.00 to $21.00; and 2 at $21.00 to $22.00.

Table 2. Establishments and workers within scope of survey and number studied in Las Vegas-Tonopah, NV,[1] October 1988

Industry division[2]	Minimum employment in establishments in scope of survey	Number of establishments		Workers in establishments		
		Within scope of survey[3]	Studied	Within scope of survey[4]		Studied
				Number	Percent	
All divisions	50	454	138	158,062	100	89,039
Manufacturing	50	39	18	4,502	3	2,630
Nonmanufacturing[5]	50	415	120	153,560	97	86,209

[1] The Las Vegas-Tonopah area consists of Clark and Nye Counties. The "workers within scope of survey" estimates shown in this table provide a reasonably accurate description of the size and composition of the labor force included in the survey. The estimates are not intended, however, to serve as a basis for comparison with other statistical series to measure employment trends or levels since (1) planning of wage surveys requires the use of establishment data compiled considerably in advance of the payroll period studied, and (2) small establishments are excluded from the scope of the survey.

[2] The 1972 edition of the *Standard Industrial Classification Manual* was used to classify establishments by industry division. All government operations are excluded from the scope of the survey.

[3] Includes all establishments with total employment at or above the minimum limitation. All outlets (within a metropolitan area or nonmetropolitan county) of nonmanufacturing companies are considered as one establishment when located within the same industry division.

[4] Includes all workers in all establishments with total employment (within the area) at or above the minimum limitation.

[5] Includes transportation, communication, and other public utilities (excluding taxicabs and services incidental to water transportation); wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; hotels and other lodging places; personal services; business services; automotive repair services and garages; motion pictures; membership organizations (excluding religious organizations); gambling establishments; and miscellaneous services. Major industries excluded from this survey are agriculture; mining; construction; and some services (notably educational institutions and medical services).

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Albuquerque, NM
Alexandria-Leesville, LA
Alpena-Standish-Tawas City, MI
Ann Arbor, MI
Asheville, NC
Atlantic City, NJ
Augusta, GA-SC
Austin, TX[1]
Bakersfield, CA
Baton Rouge, LA
Battle Creek, MI
Beaumont-Port Arthur and Lake Charles, TX-LA
Biloxi-Gulfport and Pascagoula-Moss Point, MS
Binghamton, NY
Birmingham, AL
Bloomington-Vincennes, IN
Bremerton-Shelton, WA
Brunswick, GA
Cedar Rapids, IA
Champaign-Urbana-Rantoul, IL[1]
Charleston, SC[1]
Chattanooga, TN-GA
Cheyenne, WY
Clarksville-Hopkinsville, TN-KY
Colorado Springs, CO
Columbia-Sumter, SC
Columbus, GA-AL
Columbus, MS
Connecticut (statewide)
Dayton-Springfield, OH
Daytona Beach, FL
Decatur, IL[1]
Des Moines, IA
Dothan, AL
Duluth, MN-WI
El Paso-Las Cruces-Alamogordo, TX-NM
Eugene-Springfield-Medford-Roseburg-Klamath Falls-Grants Pass, OR
Fayetteville, NC
Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood-Pompano Beach and West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach, FL
Fort Smith, AR-OK
Fort Wayne, IN
Gadsden and Anniston, AL
Goldsboro, NC
Grand Island-Hastings, NE
Green Bay, WI[2]
Greensboro-Winston-Salem-High Point, NC[2]
Greenville-Spartanburg, SC
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA
Jacksonville, FL
Knoxville, TN
LaCrosse-Sparta, WI
Laredo, TX
Las Vegas-Tonopah, NV
Lexington-Fayette, KY
Lima, OH
Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR
Logansport-Peru, IN
Lorain-Elyria, OH
Lower Eastern Shore, MD-VA-DE
Macon, GA
Madison, WI
Maine (statewide)
Manhattan-Junction City, KS
Mansfield, OH
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission and Brownsville-Harlingen, TX
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL
Meridian, MS
Montana (statewide)
Montgomery, AL
Nashville, TN
New Bern-Jacksonville, NC
New Hampshire (statewide)
Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA
North Dakota (statewide)
Northern New York
Northwest Texas
Northwestern Florida
Oklahoma City, OK
Orlando, FL[1]
Oxnard-Ventura, CA
Peoria, IL
Pine Bluff, AR
Portsmouth-Chillicothe-Gallipolis, OH
Poughkeepsie-Orange County-Kingston, NY
Providence, RI
Pueblo, CO
Puerto Rico
Raleigh-Durham, NC
Reno, NV
Riverside-San Bernardino, CA[1]
Salina, KS
Salinas-Seaside-Monterey, CA
Sandusky, OH
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA
Savannah, GA
Selma, AL
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[1] In 1988, this area is scheduled to be surveyed under the Bureau's regular area wage survey program.

[2] Scheduled to be surveyed in this program for the first time in 1988. In 1986, the area was surveyed under the Bureau's regular area wage survey program.